



The Pericopes – October 30, 2011
Year A – The Year of Matthew – Reformation Sunday



The First Lesson is written in Jeremiah the 31st Chapter beginning at the thirty-first verse.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. [32] It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. [33] But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

[1] God is our refuge and strength, *

C a very present help in trouble.

[2] Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth be moved, *

**C and though the mountains
be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

[3] Though its waters rage and foam, *

**C and though the mountains tremble
at its tumult.**

[4] The Lord of hosts is with us; *

C the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

[5] There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God, *

C the holy habitation of the Most High.

[6] God is in the midst of her;

she shall not be overthrown; *

C God shall help her at the break of day.

[7] The nations make much ado,
and the kingdoms are shaken; *

C God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

[8] The Lord of hosts is with us; *

C the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

[9] Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *

C what awesome things he has done on earth.

[10] It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *

**C he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

[11] “Be still, then, and know that I am God; *

**C I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

[12] The Lord of hosts is with us; *

C the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Epistle is written in Romans the 3rd Chapter beginning at the nineteenth verse.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

[21] But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, [22] the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, [23] since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; [24] they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; [26] it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

[27] Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28] For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.